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Happy New Year!

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Fireworks will light up the sky at New Year's Eve celebrations across Ontario.

First Night in Bradford

Bradford West Gwillimbury holds its First Night Celebration on Thursday, Dec. 31, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the BWG Leisure Centre. There will be free family swimming, free leisure skating, bouncy castles and strolling entertainment indoors in the gym, balloon animals and live music, and free hot chocolate, courtesy of Tim Hortons. Indoor activities end at 8:30 p.m. - then the action shifts outdoors, where David Cavan Fraser and Special K will entertain in Sunshine Square, before the final Fireworks display at 9 p.m. All are invited to this free event, to send off the old year and welcome in the new.

Newmarket First Night

Newmarket's First Night takes place Dec. 31 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Magna Centre, 800 Mulock Drive, with free skating and swimming, crafts, entertainment, rides on the Tim Hortons Express, wrapping up with fireworks at 9 p.m.

Downtown Countdown

Barrie celebrates its 18th annual Downtown Countdown – an evening-long outdoor event centring at City Hall. Skating on the Circle at City Hall, horse-drawn wagon rides, strolling performers and buskers, Clarabella the Clown face-painting and balloon animals, food vendors, and fireworks – at 7:45 p.m. for the tots, and at midnight for the grown-ups. Musical performances by Judy & David for the kids, and after 8 p.m., by Dead Mechanics, Sun K, and headliners The Sheepdogs.

Skate with Innisfil Council

The Town of Innisfil, I.C.E. Corp. and the YMCA have partnered to present a Family New Year's Eve at the Innisfil Recreation Complex. Innisfil Mayor and Council are sponsoring free skating, the YMCA is providing free family swimming and activities in the gym, from 5 to 7 p.m. on Dec. 31. There will also be free hot dogs and hot chocolate (while quantities last), although donations are welcomed. The evening will end with a fireworks display at 7:15 p.m.

Noon Year's Eve at the Library

Noon Year's Eve Celebration at the Lakeshore and Cookstown Branches of the Innisfil Public Library, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Dec. 31. A Noon Countdown to welcome the New Year, plus music, games and crafts! Free for all ages, but please pre-register by calling your library branch. Noon Year's Eve Ballroom Dancing, for adults, at the Lakeshore branch of the Innisfil Public Library, 11 a.m. to noon. Enjoy ballroom dancing to the hits of the 1920s, '30s, '40s and '50s. Cost is $1 per person; register at the library.

Newfie Year's Eve

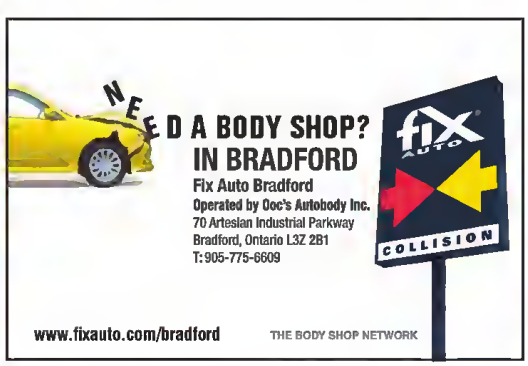
New Year's Eve at the Bradford Legion, 115 Back St., will feature roast beef dinner with assorted desserts, and great entertainment by The Newfie Chicks. Dinner at 6:30 p.m., entertainment at 8 p.m. Ring in the new year! Tickets are $45 per person, $80 per couple. Call Alice at 905-775-6245 or Dianne, 705-424-9378 – but hurry, tickets are going fast!

Legion Levee

On Friday, Jan. 1, drop by the Bradford Legion at 115 Back St. from 1 to 5 p.m. for the annual President's Levee. A social afternoon, with refreshments. Note: Friday Night Social Time and Karaoke will be cancelled on New Year's Day; Social Time, including dinner for a modest fee, followed by music and camaraderie, returns Jan. 8.

Danube Seniors' Levee

The President and Executive invite members to drop in to the Danube Srs. Leisure Centre, 715 Simcoe Road, between 1 and 3 p.m. on Jan. 1, for the annual President's New Year's Levee.



Council shares New Year's Resolutions

"A New Year's resolution for 2016 is to work hard to get the Hwy 400-404 connecting link on the provincial government's priority list. We all notice traffic is getting busier in our town, and although we will work to do the small things to keep traffic flowing, we also need this large project from the other levels of government." - *Mayor Rob Keffer*

"Get healthy and better fit, by using our BWG Leisure Centre. Spend more time with my family and friends... As Ward 7 Councillor, I want to do two CAN (Community Access Network) meetings, and go door to door, in the spring and fall, to visit our residents in Ward 7, and get more feedback while I deliver yard waste clean-up bags. Overall, to continue to work hard for all residents of BWG, to listen to all concerns, and keep Bradford West Gwillimbury a healthy and safe town." - *Peter Dykie Jr., Ward 7*

"Spend more time with both my daughters, go to the Leisure Centre 100-plus times in 2016 – and remember to turn the mic off after speaking at council." - *Gary Baynes, Ward 2*

"Quit smoking... I've got to do it so I can get back into good physical health." *Deputy Mayor James Leduc.*

"To find ways to spend more time with my family, and to renew my personal health objectives. Back to the gym!" - *Gary Lamb, Ward 3*

"My New Year's Resolution as a member of council for 2016 is to continue to promote openness and transparency in how we conduct the business of governing the Town of BWG." - *Ron Orr, Ward 4*

"Our lives become very busy with our work schedules and our families, and sometimes the smallest 'thank yous' are forgotten. My 2016 resolution is to take the time and make more of an effort to acknowledge those that I appreciate in my life. To let those who mean so much to me, know it." - *Peter Ferragine, Ward 5.*

"In my capacity as elected official, my New Year's Resolution is to continue to work with my colleagues to deliver positive results for our residents. I will continue to vote on matters based on what is good for the community, rather that what is good politicially. On a personal level, I am committing to looking after my health, creating a better balance in my life that will allow me to spend more time with my family!" - *Raj Sandhu, Ward 1*

A bright future, at the Mayor's Breakfast

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

On Dec. 11, the Annual Bradford West Gwillimbury Mayor's Breakfast drew approximately 50 guests to The Club at Bond Head, despite the 7 a.m. start.

It was an opportunity to network, and to hear a series of speakers provide updates on the current direction of the Bradford Board of Trade, Economic Development, and strategic growth in the municipality.

Paul Pirri, program co-ordinator for the office of economic development, outlined some of the ongoing initiatives, from the business retention and expansion survey that found 70% of those surveyed felt "BWG is a good or excellent place to do business;" and 90% said they expected to continue or expand in the coming year – to the release of new promotional videos, "selling" what Bradford West Gwillimbury has to offer to investors, and to residents.

Among the strategies being developed, moving forward, are closer cooperation with Simcoe County, more emphasis on apprenticeship programs, development of a small business incubator, and exploring "pop-up retail... a great way for new businesses (to) test their viability."

Pirri also promised changes to the Community Improvement Plan Area programs, to make it easier for interested and qualified businesses to apply for grants and funding – especially for improvements to signage.

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Bradford West Gwillimbury Mayor Rob Keffer was the keynote speaker at the Mayor's Breakfast, held at the Club at Bond Head.

Geoff McKnight, chief administrative officer for Bradford West Gwillimbury, provided an overview of future growth, particularly along the Highway 400 Employment corridor. "We are staking a fair bit of our future on the 400 lands," McKnight said, noting that the growth plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe expects BWG to grow to a population of 52,000 and 18,000 jobs by 2031. "A lot of that job growth is expected to occur in the 1000 acres emerging along the 400," two-thirds of which is approved for industrial, warehousing and manufacturing; one-third, at County Rd. 88, for retail, office, commercial and hospitality.

The town has been moving forward with servicing those lands, he said. A tender has been prepared for the new interchange at Hwy. 400 and Line 5, and construction is expected to begin early in 2016 - along with construction of a Hwy. 400 pumping station, forcemains, and gravity sewer lines within the employment lands, and construction of the Southwest Arterial Road along 10 SR and Line 5.

"All those works are expected to get underway," McKnight said. "All that servicing is expected to be complete by 2017, that interchange will be open in 2018."

He told the audience, which included members of the board of trade, realtors, and developers, "We've got lots of great space at the 400. We'll be happy to accommodate you in a couple of years." Keynote speaker at the breakfast was BWG Mayor Rob Keffer, who reflected on his past year in office.

"Three hundred and seventy-four days – that's how many days I've had the honour to be mayor of my home town," Keffer said, noting that it has been a year that has included challenges, like the major snowstorm last December that paralysed the town, "but you also have some pleasant surprises."

The "surprises" have largely been a product of the new council's decision to be "collaborative, consultative, respectful and transparent," he said, working together as a team.

Mayor Keffer noted, "We have an amazing 12 committees and boards... taking the initiative to make changes happen." The town has also made use of social media as a kind of "bulletin board" for the exchange of ideas, and to highlight issues.

"It's important to hear about and get the little things done."

The new council promised "respect for tax dollars," Mayor Keffer said, and recently brought in a 2016 budget with only a 1.77% property tax increase - "below the cost of living, but with no cuts in services. On the contrary, we have continued to invest in the services we all enjoy... We've held the line on spending by being smart about where we invest" - with more money going into roads, sidewalks and urban forestry, and into environmentally significant programs like the retrofitting of Bradford's streetlights with LED lighting.

The future, Mayor Keffer said, holds promise.

"Council is committed to whatever it takes to bring jobs... There is much, mucb more to do. We have made a strong start. Bradford West Gwillimbury is a great place to live, and it's getting better. A year later, and I remain inspired by our community."

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Join Scanlon's Kilowatt Club

Bradford - Join the Kilowatt Club, and discover a solution to the r'sing cost of hydro.

The Friends of Scanlon Creek's Kilowatt Club is hosting an open house. Come out to Scanlon Creek Conservation Area on Saturday, Jan. 16 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., to learn more about your electricity bill, and how to reduce your energy consumption and save money each month.

The Kilowatt Club, founded by local resident Jim Masin, will cover topics that include energy saving incentives, solar and wind power, and what you can do to help reverse the effects of climate change. Meet with like-minded people, and perhaps win prizes for for reducing your energy consumption. Membership fees collected by the club will help bring solar power to Scanlon.

The open house takes place at the Nature Centre at Scanlon, at 2450 – Line 9 in Bradford West Gwillimbury. Free with park entry fee or annual pass. For more information, email *friendsofscanlon@gmail.com*

Waste not – Save a lot!

Volunteers provide Wheels of Hope

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

Michele Lawlor, driver for the Canadian Cancer Society's Wheels of Hope transportation program, is a lifelong volunteer.

All during her 27 years as an elementary school teacher in York Region, she also volunteered for Big Brothers Big Sisters, CHATS Community and Home Assistance to Seniors, the Children's Aid Society, and made over 100 blood donations.

On her retirement in 2014, after a brief stint as a school crossing guard, Lawlor discovered what has become, for her, a calling – as a volunteer driver, for CNIB and the Canadian Cancer Society.

"Volunteer work has been a big part of my life," she says, and the 'work' as a volunteer driver has been extremely satisfying. "The connection with others, the social interaction, the doing good for others – it's just a wonderful fit for me."

Lawlor talks of the 'enormous' benefits of volunteering – the boost in self-esteem, self-confidence and life satisfaction. "Knowing I did something good for someone is an emotionally uplifting and rewarding experience that can never be matched by money or fame. The experience is such a positive one, not only does it bring hope and happiness to people, but it also leads to my own personal growth."

Lawlor drives for the CCS Wheels of Hope program five days a week, Monday through Friday – although she notes, volunteering can be as simple as a once-a-week commitment. Drivers are reimbursed for their mileage, but volunteer their time to ensure that clients can focus on getting well, "not on worrying about how they will get to treatment."

Every day is different; she'll receive her client list three days in advance, providing times, addresses and distances. And, she says, when she sees a familiar name, a regular client on her list, "It's almost like Christmas Day." She loves the "continuity, connection, consistency!"

She admits it can be emotionally challenging, hearing the stories of treatment and the challenges of cancer. But, she says, the rewards are great, and "you become more than just a client driver. You become friends... It's just so heart-warming."

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Volunteer driver with the Canadian Cancer Society, Michele Lawlor finds that contributing her time to the Wheels of Hope transportation program is personally satisfying.

Sunbeam®'s Supports with Warmth Cancer awareness and fundraising campaign encourages Canadians to volunteer as drivers to take cancer patients to and from appointments or treatment, and has donated 130,000 kilometres in mileage costs to the Canadian Cancer Society, coast to coast, to support volunteer transportation programs.

Sunbeam®'s website, *SupportswithWarmth.com/Ontario*, offers opportunities to volunteer or donate, and to raise funds through the purchase of heated throws. Five dollars from the sale of every "Hockey Fights Cancer" heated throw goes to the Hockey Fights Cancer campaign; $2 from the sale of every Canadian Cancer Society heated throw decorated with a daffodil - the symbol of hope for cancer patients - will go to the Canadian Cancer Society.

Sunbeam® has also donated 1,700 heated throws for distribution to cancer patients, not only in Ontario but also in Alberta, Northwest Territories, British Columbia and Yukon.

Lawlor was happy to deliver three of the heated throws to clients in Bradford and York Region. She says the recipients were delighted with the gift, since feeling chilled is often a side effect of cancer treatment. But the best thank-you came from a patient who told her, "Thank you for the gift of time."

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Elisabeth Gibson, cancer patient, received a Sunbeam heated throw, as part of the Supports with Warmth program.

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Point of View

More than just words

Pee, Poo, Belly, Bum, Drawers. Those were the words of a children's song by Flanders and Swann, that shocked and delighted kids in the 1960s. Kids cheered, and adults too, when the duo sang those 'bad' words out loud and on stage.

They were adults! Saying bad words! Secret words that parents said shouldn't be spoken aloud in polite company!

It was cathartic, if we had known what that meant. It was liberating. We weren't alone in wanting to say Pee! Poo! Belly! Bum! Drawers! (which, by the way, are a form of British underpants) out loud.

Our darkest thoughts seem to have been given validation; it was okay to think and say words that would otherwise, in day to day discourse, bring censure - at least, from our parents.

Of course, we did not go on to say those words in daily conversation. We understood the song was an aberration, a momentary madness, that did not apply to the everyday world of school and dinner with the family. Our conscience, our understanding of what was socially acceptable, meant we did not unleash our dark side.

But that's exactly what seems to be fuelling the popularity of Donald Trump in the U.S. His comments, attacking Mexicans, women, Muslims – anyone, apparently, other than white middle-aged males – are the equivalent of standing on a street corner yelling Pee, Poo, Belly, Bum, Drawers into a loudspeaker.

His supporters feel vindicated. He's only saying what we think! It's alright to think these thoughts! He's validating our darkest feelings! It gives us the right to be rude, and hateful!

Except, of course, that it doesn't. There are thoughts, dislikes, prejudices – words – that we have picked up, through the years, that as responsible adults we repudiate, so that we may conduct our daily business and social discourse with responsibility and respect. Because, if we don't, civil society is at risk.

Hatred, scapegoating, blame, a trampling of rights on the basis of religion or race – we've seen that before. And it's nowhere near as innocuous as Pee, Poo, Belly, Bum, Drawers.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Mom and daughters enjoyed free Henna painting and tried on the hijab, at the Public Library in Bradford on Dec. 21.

Letters to the Editor

A WARM WELCOME FROM BRADFORD

To the editor: I would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Bradford who came out to talk to us and tried on a hijab (scarf) for our Je Suis Hijabi events, Dec. 19 and 20.

We had displays of books, pamphlets, banners, and free henna. We had good discussions about Islam's teachings of peace, and how we felt our faith was being maligned by terrorists, all for personal and political ambitions. I know I sound like a broken record, but I will never tire of saying this over and over again: we, as Ahmadi Muslims, are grateful we are living in Canada and not in the U.S. or Europe. Our experience in Canada is very different than that of American or European Muslims.

Many of the ladies who tried on the hijab said that it did not make them feel any less Canadian. It was heart-warming to see many mothers and daughters come together, to our events. The mothers were illustrating to their daughters that it was OK to be different, and that we can still, despite our differences, learn from each other and respect each other.

I was truly overwhelmed by the kindness and understanding of our guests. I have only one disappointment: not one single political leader attended our events, which is a shame. It would have been a great opportunity for them to learn directly from Muslim women. I am still optimistic, though. The ladies who attended made up for their absence!

We have another campaign going on as well, called "A Million Pounds of Food," which is headed by our Ahmadiyya Muslim Youth Association. Their goal is to collect more than a million pounds of food and donate to the needy. Visit millionpoundsfood.ca for more details or to get involved. This is how we can keep our youth engaged and active in the community. It is worth mentioning that not a single member of the worldwide Ahmadiyya Muslim community has gone to fight with ISIS or any terrorist group. Our youth are taught that to serve humanity is to serve God, and that is the biggest achievement in one's life.

SADAF (MONA) SHAH
OUTREACH CO-ORDINATOR,
WOMEN'S AUXILIARY AHMADIYYA
MUSLIM JAMA'AT

TREE OF WARMTH THANKS

To the editor: St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all those who donated their long hours of labour, knitting hats, mittens and slippers for our Tree of Warmth. The items were distributed to local schools, The Salvation Army and My Sister's Place Shelter. With your help, we put a smile on the faces of a lot of deserving children!

ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA
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Sharing a history of service

HELEN YIELDING
Tecumseth & West Gwillimbury
Historical Society

Does the past predict the future? In the case of Susan Beharriell, her grandfather's passion seems to predict her own: service to their country, in aviation.

Beharriell, a retired Lieut.-Col. with a distinguished career in the armed forces, described the depth and nature of the connection, at the November Remembrance Day meeting of the Tecumseth & West Gwillimbury Historical Society.

She joined the Canadian Air Force in 1973, and steadily rose through the ranks, breaking many gender and institutional barriers along the way. She served in security and intelligence in several countries, and her list of medals and awards is impressive, including the Meritorious Service Medal- U.S., the Order of Military Merit, and a Queen's Jubilee medal.

Beharriell was a "first" in many ways – as was her grandfather. He was among the first recruits in 1889, in the Royal Flying Corps, responding to a poster encouraging "clean, clear-headed" adventurous young Canadians to earn their pilot's wings.

From old photos and family scrapbooks, Beharriell painted a picture of training flights in fragile aircraft known as "Jennys", weeks of drill in barracks around southern Ontario, instruction in map-reading and engine repair, and all too many plane crashes.

Through it all, the old photos show a jaunty young recruit seemingly unfazed by his pioneering activities – a template for his granddaughter, many years later.

The next regular meeting of the Historical Society will take place in the new year – the popular show and tell meeting on Jan. 18, 2016 at the Tec-We-Gwill Women's Institute Hall in Newton Robinson, at 7:30 p.m. Bring a family treasure or a story to share, followed by a social hour. All are welcome.

For more information, please contact June at 905-775-7144.

Gifts from the IODE

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The West Gwillimbury Chapter of IODE has a long-standing tradition. Every Christmas, the chapter delivers personal gifts for the residents of Bradford Valley Community Care Centre, the long-term care facility on the 6th Line of Bradford. The gifts are accepted by a representative of the residents' council, and much appreciated – and the tradition fits well with the focus of IODE, on education, citizenship and especially, community service. IODE is a national women's charitable organization, open to women of all ages. West Gwillimbury Chapter IODE members, from left, Gertrude Erdenberger, Chris Bateman, Pat Winnacott, Sylvia Luxton (seated), Mary Saint presenting gifts to president of the residents' council at Bradford Valley, Brenda Laur, and Caitlin Hnatiw.

Resolved to get fit?

Is getting fit one of your New Year's Resolutions? eLifestyle is bringing back the Get Fit Challenge, an eTransformation Online Weight Loss Program, offering a variety of meal plan choices – from general to vegan, slow cooker, kosher and paleo. The challenge, which offers prizes, gets underway on Jan. 4, 2016. Check out eLifestyle.ca under the Start Losing Weight Now tab.

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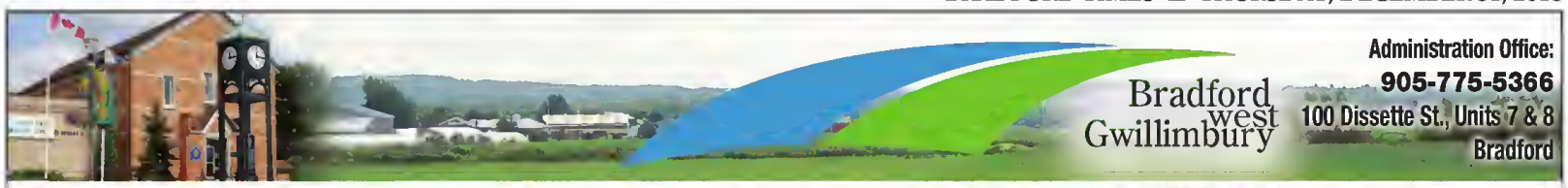

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Town Council

Members of the public are invited to attend all Council, Committee of the Whole and other Committee meetings. Meeting dates, times, and agendas are available from the Town's website at www.townofbwg.com.

For further information or to request a deputation, please contact the Clerk's Division.

Special Council Meetings – Heritage Committee

- Tues. Jan 5 @ 7:00 p.m. - BWG Library & Cultural Centre, 425 Holland St. W., Zima Rm

Regular Meetings of Council & Committee of the Whole

- Tues. Jan 19 @ 7:00 p.m. - BWG Library & Cultural Centre, 425 Holland St. W., Zima Room

Board/Committee

Downtown Revitalization Committee

- Wed. Jan 6 @ 6:30 p.m. - BWG Library & Cultural Centre, 425 Holland St. W., Zima Room

Heritage Committee

- Mon. Jan 11 @ 6:30 p.m. - BWG Engineering Services, 305 Barrie St. Boardroom

Arts & Cultural Advisory Committee

- Thurs. Jan 14 @ 6:30 p.m. - BWG Library & Cultural Centre, 425 Holland St. W. Boardroom

Proclamation

January 2016 – Crime Stoppers Month

A Flag raising will take place on Monday, January 11 at 1:00 p.m. in front of the BWG Courthouse at 57 Holland St. E.

2015 Holiday Closure Notice

BWG Transit:
BWG Transit will NOT be running on December 25, 28 and during the day on January 1. FREE evening transit will be available on New Year's Eve (from December 31 at 5 p.m. until January 1 at 3 a.m.).

Town Administration Offices:
The following will be closed from 12:00 noon on Thursday, December 24 until 8:30 a.m. on Monday, January 4:

- Administration Main Office, Clerk's Office, Office of the CAO, Office of the Mayor - 100 Dissette St. Units 7&8
- Engineering, Water and Public Works - 305 Barrie St. Unit 2
- Planning and Building - 3541 Line 11
- Leisure Services Office - 125 Simcoe Rd.
- Finance/Treasury - 61 Holland St. E

BWG Leisure Centre:

- December 31 - open 6:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (open 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. for Family First events only)
- January 1 – CLOSED

BWG Public Library:

- December 31 - open 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
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BWG Transit will offer FREE evening service from December 31 at 5pm until January 1 at 3am. Buses will follow normal routes and intervals. For details and schedules visit www.TownofBWG.com/transit

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OVERNIGHT PARKING ALLOWED ON NEW YEAR'S EVE

Restrictions on winter overnight street parking in BWG will be lifted on New Year's Eve to encourage responsible celebration and accommodate overnight guests.

Administration Office:
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100 Dissette St., Units 7 & 8
Bradford

NOTICES

Serve your community by volunteering on the Economic Development Committee

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury is seeking applications from residents who are interested in helping their community by serving on the Economic Development Advisory Committee, for the term of Council. Applicants must be 18 years of age, a Canadian citizen and a current resident of Bradford West Gwillimbury. To ensure representation from the broader community the Committee will consist of representatives from each of the following:

- **Two Town Council Representatives**
- **One active local land developer who operates within the municipal boundary**
- **One representative from the Bradford West Gwillimbury Board of Trade**
- **One current industrial park tenant**
- **Two current or retired small business owners**

If you are interested in applying for one of the above, please find further information and application instructions for these positions on the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury website at www.townofbwg.com under the Council & Committees section, or at the Town's Administrative office as listed below.

Application Deadline: Monday, January 11, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury,
Legislative Services
100 Dissette St, Unit 7 & 8 Box 100,
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Fax: 905 775-0153 or
email admin@townofbwg.com

COMPETITIVE BIDS

RFP #: P-15-47
Request for Proposal
Request for Proposal Contract Administration and Inspection Services for Simcoe Road Urbanization from Line 6 to Simcoe Road Bridge and Forcemains to Sideroad 10

Closing: 2:00:00 pm January 14, 2016

Bid documents may be obtained by registering for this opportunity at: www.biddingo.com/townofbwg

RFT #: T-15-20C
Request for Tender
Hwy 400 - Bradford Sewage Pumping Station
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NEWMARKET FIRST NIGHT: At the Magna Centre, 800 Mulock Drive in Newmarket, 6-9 p.m. Free skating, swimming, crafts, entertainment, ending with fireworks at 9 p.m.

NEW YEAR'S SKATE WITH COUNCIL: Innisfil Council hosts free skating at the Innisfil Recreation Complex, 5 to 7 p.m. Includes free food and refreshments, and fireworks around 7:30 p.m. in the South Parking Lot.

FRI., JAN. 1

PRESIDENT'S LEVEE: 1-5 p.m. at the Bradford Legion, 115 Back St.

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SAT., JAN. 9

ONTARIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY SIMCOE COUNTY BRANCH MEETS: At 2 p.m., at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 79 Ferris Lane in Barrie. Speaker Steve Small will talk about Land Registry Records. For info, see www.simcoebogs.com

SUN., JAN. 10

BWG ANNIVERSARY LEVEE: Bradford West Gwillimbury Mayor and Council host a New Year's Levee that celebrates 25 years of Amalgamation, 1-4 p.m. at the BWG Leisure Centre, 471 West Park Ave. in Bradford. Cake-cutting at 2:30 p.m. Free family skate, 12:40-2:20 p.m.

MEETINGS

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CHPS' Chain of Giving

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Students at Chris Hadfield Public School, temporarily housed in the old Bradford Public School, held their annual Chain of Giving food drive in December. They brought in donations of non-perishable food for the local Helping Hand Food Bank, and then, on Dec. 15, created a human chain that stretched from the school to the food bank on Moore St., just around the corner. Bradford West Gwillimbury Mayor Rob Keffer and Councillor Gary Baynes joined Grade 8 teacher Elaina Scigliano as part of a human chain, helping to pass along 1,554 non-perishable food items and 145 toys, one item at a time.

Christmas, for the birds

PETER WUKASCH
York Simcoe Naturalists

On Jan. 2, we will again be participating in the Bird Studies Canada Christmas Bird Count.

This will be our 17th year, and we are hoping to add some new species to our grand total of 91 species we have recorded over these past 16 years.

Of course, we will expect to record more common species, such as chickadees and Blue Jays, but every year we seem to see strays from further north or birds that have lingered behind.

Having the Holland Marsh as part of the count area allows us to record magnificent Snowy Owls nearly every year, and we hope for winter finches, such as redpolls and crossbills, to brighten the snowy landscape. One year we saw a Rose-breasted Grosbeak, the only one recorded in all of Canada that year – a bird we usually see only in the warmer months since it typically winters in Central America. We never know what might turn up!

This year, with the usually warm temperatures and open water, we expect to see more types of waterfowl and, as usual, we will be checking out local bird feeders for unusual birds that may visit. We have faithful teams of "feeder watchers" who check their backyard feeders each year and let us know what they've seen on Count day. So, if you feed the birds, we'd appreciate you topping up your feeders so we can include the avian friends that drop in.

Christmas Bird Counts have been held throughout North America and parts of Central and South America every year since 1901. The statistics from these counts have been the basis for bird population studies and environmental assessments from groups such as Bird Studies Canada, monitoring the health of our birds and their ability to adapt to climate and habitat change. Of course, the Bird Counts also provide opportunities to get out into the Great Outdoors and share "birding" moments with like-minded enthusiasts!

York Simcoe Naturalists' Christmas Bird Count in the Bradford West Gwillimbury area takes place Jan. 2, 2016. Contact Bruce Wilson, *bwgcbc@gmail.com* to participate.

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The Bradford Wolves Soccer Club hosted a Charity Soccer game, Dec. 20 at the Bradford Sports Dome. Approximately 35 players participated, paying $20 each to take part. The fun game was open to any club members and players, Directors and fans - and raised $900 for the Children's Aid Society of Simcoe County. Royal LePage At Your Service donated jerseys for the event, while the Bradford Sports Dome donated the venue. Non-perishable food items were also collected, for the Helping Hand Food Bank in Bradford.

Weekly Rattler Report

Bradford - The Bradford Rattlers ended their 2015 year on a high note, with a thrilling 5-4 overtime win over the Grey Highlands Bravehearts, Dec. 20 on home ice. Goalie Patrick Bosiger picked up the win.

Captain Devin Fullum had a stellar game, scoring two goals, including the OT winner. Also finding the back of the net were Matt Barrette, Khassan Al-Dzhilaui and Ignacio Vicente. Newcomer Jakob McCarthy made his Rattlers' debut, wearing #15.

It was a tough game for the team, though, with nine Rattlers nursing injuries. The good news: most of the players will be healthy for the new year. Going into the break, the Rattlers have won three of their last four games, improving to 18-8-2 to sit in third place in the GMHL Central Division, 28 games into the season.

The Rattlers Organization would like to wish a happy holiday season to all supporters, volunteers, staff, players and fans. The team is back on Jan. 3, vs. Meaford.

Note: Two Rattlers have been named to the GMHL All-Star Game, taking place in Tottenham on Jan. 12 – a Team Canada vs. Team World format, that puts the best Canadian-born players on one team, and the best European and American players on the other. Capt. Devin Fullum of Thunder Bay (41 points in 26 games) has been named to Team Canada. Named to Team World is Swedish-born Marcus Hedberg (1 goal, 12 assists, in an injury-plagued season).

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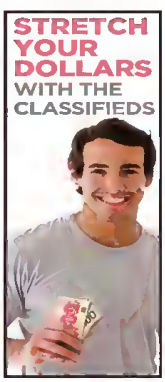

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The year in review...

Bradford Times Staff

January

The Festive Season R.I.D.E. Program wrapped up, with South Simcoe Police stopping 1000 fewer vehicles - 6,517 – but laying 60% more Impaired/Over .080 charges than the previous year. Staff Sgt. Steve Wilson called the statistics "disappointing," as motorists ignored the "don't drink and drive" message.

The newly-elected Bradford West Gwillimbury council, under Mayor Rob Keffer, delivered its first positive outcome – successfully lobbying the County of Simcoe, to discover an alternative to the planned closure of Rotodale Nursery School in Bradford. "I got a bit of a frosty response" initially, said Mayor Keffer; eventually the county agreed to transfer the program to Bradford Progress Child Care Centre.

Team Glenn Howard was in Bradford, playing in the OCA Men's Challenge Round at the Bradford Curling Club, Jan. 16-18. It was an exciting opportunity for fans of curling, although Howard did not advance; he was sent to the B side by rink Brent Ross. Securing berths at the Tankard were the teams of Rob Rumfelt and Wayne Middaugh.

On Jan. 18, Newton Robinson United Church held a "Farewell Service" - and closed its doors for good, writing the "final chapter in this church's congregation," said Rev. Diane Knowles. She noted that "every month another United Church closes its doors in Canada." Bradford West Gwillimbury had already seen the closure of Dunkerron United Church – and of St. Paul's (Coulson's Hill) Anglican Church.

On Jan. 20, BWG council voted to designate 108 Moore St. as a Heritage Home. Threatened by developers who wanted to replace the century home with townhouses, 108 Moore was the former home of Norm Collings, who played pro hockey 1926-1938, including one game with the Montreal Canadiens. The developers have appealed the decision.

February

On Feb. 3, Bradford West Gwillimbury Council echoed Innisfil council – rejecting the South Simcoe Police Service 2015 operating budget. The budget had increased by over $500,000, despite cost-saving measures introduced in 2014; 2015 was described as a "transitional" year, requiring more investment in policing. Some of the increase was attributed to the need to hire new officers, planning ahead for the future retirement of up to 40% of the force by 2020; some attributed to the required replacement of obsolete Information Technology. The existing computer system is not compatible with other Police Services; the new NICHE system would allow complete connectivity for officers, enhancing "investigative ability," Council was told. The Police Services Board reviewed the budget and the requests – and on March 16, presented revisions that cut the operating budget by nearly $190,000, and the capital budget by $24,000. The revised budget was approved.

The County of Simcoe offered a cash settlement for the West Gwillimbury landfill site. Transferred to the county in 1991 by the province, it took an OMB appeal to force the county to pay for the site, a settlement initially evaluated at about $5.95 million. Rather than cash, the Town was offered a 20% credit on tipping fees. So far the county has repaid $1.98 million, leaving an outstanding balance of nearly $4 million as of December 31, 2014. The County offered a cash settlement of $1.965 million – "sort of 50 cents on the dollar," noted Mayor Rob Keffer. The Town rejected the offer.

Bradford West Gwillimbury signed an agreement with the Province of Ontario for the design, construction and funding of the 5th Line Interchange at Hwy. 400, but was less than thrilled when the province limited its financial contribution towards the $54 million project to $8.5 million. That left its "partners", the county and the town, to split the remaining $37 million. Fortunately, the Early Payment Agreement #3 with Bradford's Residential Development group will cover the Town's costs, including "benefit to existing" residents, up to a maximum of $19 million – but not cost overruns. "Basically, it's the town that's going to be on the hook. It's unfortunate," said Mayor Rob Keffer.

March

A new BWG Diversity Action Group, established to recognize the community's cultural diversity, held its first initiative on March 14 at the Bradford Public Library, coinciding with the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

FC Porto Dragon Force came to Bradford, March 14, to launch a new partnership with DFC Academy, bringing the Portuguese method of soccer training to Bradford. FC Porto Ambassador Fernando Gomes, GM of Dragon Force Ricardo Frey Ramos and coaches Antonio Gouveia and Jose Violante were welcomed to Town by the Mayor and Council.

And the Sunshine List – the list of public employees earning over $100,000 per year - continued to grow. There were 22 municipal employees in BWG and Innisfil, and 59 officers with the South Simcoe Police, who earned over the threshold – and 389 employees of the Simcoe County District and Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Boards.

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REYNOLDS, Wallace (Duck) -
In memory of Wallace (Duck) Reynolds who passed away January 2, 2011.

A leaf in our book of memories is gently
Turned today,
The sorrow placed upon that page is
Fresh as yesterday,
We cannot hold the hand of time
Or live again the past,
But in our hearts are memories
That will forever last.

Forever Remembering a loving
Husband, Father & Papa

Love,
June, Gary, Cindy, Tara,
Brandon & Tasha Reynolds

In loving Memory of
LEO MAURINO
November 20, 1926 - January 4, 2013

Though his smile is gone forever
And his hand we cannot touch
Still we have so many memories
Of the one we love so much.
His memory is our keepsake
With which we'll never part
God has him in His keeping
We have him in our heart.

Lots of love Evelyn & all the family xo